

ABSTRACT

A purpose of the present invention is to provide an opening/closing apparatus and a portable telephone apparatus equipped with the opening/closing apparatus capable of reducing manipulation force used when housings are expanded, and at the same time, capable of making compact. The opening/closing apparatus for expanding the housings has: a base (43) which is fixed within a rotary member (41) having a substantially hollow tube shape; a fixing holder (52) which is allowed to be moved only along an inner peripheral plane direction of the rotary member (41); a driving cam portion (3A) having both a fixing cam member (51) and a first compression spring (31); a holding cam portion (3B) having a lift cam member (53) which is coupled to the fixing holder (52), a slide cam member (44) which is engaged with the base (43) and can be slid along a shaft direction, and a second compression spring (32) which is elastically provided between the slide cam member (44) and the base (43); and also, a clutch portion (3C) having a ball (55) which engages the rotary cam member (42), and a cam shaft (54) having a cam groove (54A) engaged with the ball (55), which is slid with the slide cam member (44) in an integral form along the shaft direction.